

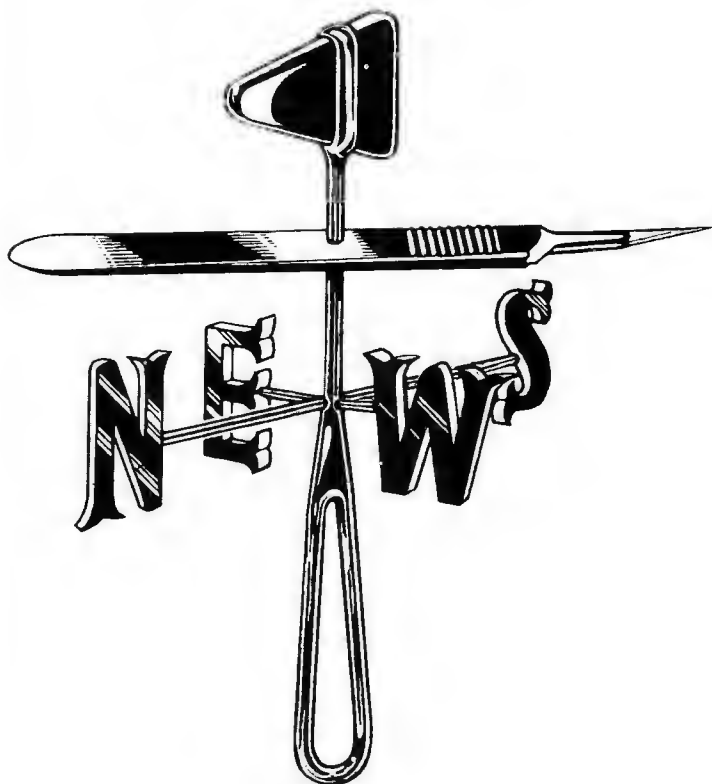
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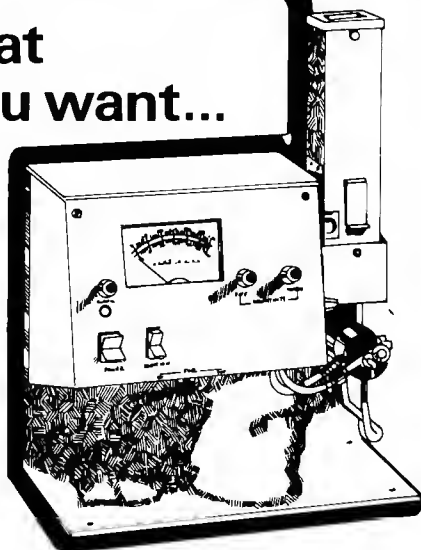
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## Editorial

### "ABSCAM"

The press has been full of a classical example of what the real rulers of the United States are trying to accomplish, as well as the dual standard of morality which exists for themselves and for the rest of us. There is a lesson to be learned from the events which have been transpiring and in which the media attached to the Council on Foreign Relations and the Trilateral Commission have been participating. With regard to G. William Miller, the present secretary of the treasury, who is one of the inner circle, a totally different standard of justice is being observed from that directed against some of the members of Congress. G. William Miller, while president of Textron, presided over the bribing of foreign officials in order to get business from them. Senator William Proxmire has demanded that a special prosecutor be empowered to investigate these bribes, but the Carter Administration's errand boy, Attorney General Benjamin Civiletti has been arguing that there is really no reason to indict G. William Miller. All of this after the performance of a previous Attorney General, who was part of the plot to put former President Nixon in his place, and help to destroy the credibility of the presidency in the eyes of the American people. In his very next breath Mr. Civiletti states that for a congressman who takes a questionable cash payment there should be no protection against entrapment, that the congressman should be filmed by hidden video camera, and exposed in the mass media by a pre-leaking of the facts, and then tried and convicted by television without an indictment and without a trial of any sort.

In 1974 the Trilateral Commission outlined what it had in store for the American people in a published report called, "The Crisis of Democracy". In this report they advocated the following:

1. Centralized economic and social planning
2. Centralization of power within the Congress itself
3. A program to lower the job expectations of those who receive a college education
4. Such limitations on freedom of the press as "prior restraint" of what newspapers may publish in unspecified "unusual circumstances", the assurance "to the government of the right and ability to withhold information at the source", "moving promptly to reinstate the law of libel as a necessary and appropriate check upon the abuses of power of the press", and

press councils enforcing "standards of professionalism", the alternative to which could well be regulation by the government".

First of all, it is illegal to offer bribes to Congressmen, so why is the FBI doing it? It seems to me that this illegality alone is enough to demand that the head of the FBI resign and explain to the Congress just who it was that thought up this illegal idea of using the FBI to perpetrate criminal activity. Mr. Civiletti, who leaked the whole thing to the Trilateral Commission's news media, gave no indication to Senator Harris Williams that hidden cameras were rolling when he was called upon at this home by a private reporter. This is the sort of thing that one can expect of a Hitler or a Stalin, and gives further indication of the level to which justice has descended in our own country under the tutelage of our marxist and materialistic rulers. Apparently this is a part of their plot to centralize power in the Congress, and to warn our elected officials that this is what they can expect if they vote against the interests of the International Bankers. Ours is supposed to be a court system based upon the premise that a man is innocent until proven guilty. It seems to me that the illegality alone would be enough to throw these cases out of court, but the damage to reputations, which is a major feature of the Trilateral's press, is something that is very difficult to counteract. Character assassination has been one of the principal methods of the International Banking cabal to destroy those who might stand in their way to the complete take-over of power in this country.

The efforts to proceed with a take-over of power are proceeding at a very rapid pace now, all aided by the marxist Grahams, Goldensens, Paleys, and Sulzbergers of the prostitute press. The paper money system and the fractional reserve method of banking, which has made the bankers so rich and powerful, must be perpetuated for these men to retain the power which they exercise over the whole of the economy of the world. They, of course, do not know that their time is almost up and that everything they are doing is to be wiped from the face of the earth in about ten years. At the present time they are trying to get foreign exchange controls through the Congress in a very devious way - in a bill to control drugs, which does not even mention drugs. The bill makes it a crime to transport or even attempt to transport monetary instruments totaling \$5000.00 or more into or out of the country without a required confession statement. There are also to be wage and price controls, but not control on government spending, which is the real cause of inflation in combination with the Federal Reserve Bank and its fractional method of banking, so sacrosanct to the bankers. These two actions, together with a declaration of national emergency, will tie the American people to a worthless system of fiat paper money and a dictatorship of marxist and Godless rulers who base their right to rule on injustice in law, which is in reality no law at all. The absolute control of both of our major political parties at the national level continues. Not one of the Republicans or Democrats, at present involved in the primaries, does not have some connection with the Council on Foreign Relations or the Trilateral Commission. They are to be permitted to go a little further before their coup de grace occurs. This next administration should secure their absolute control over the gullible American public before that power is taken away from them in what is to become one of the bloodiest revolutions that the world has ever seen. 2000 years ago the sentence was passed on the bankers' heads. Beginning in 1989 that sentence will be executed on their bodies, and everything that they have done to you and me will be expiated. If we, as physicians, prepare ourselves for this eventuality, we will survive. On the other hand, if we become a part of the government projects which are being used to enslave other physicians, we are not going to survive what lies ahead.

—Richard D. Murray, M.D., M. Sc. (med.)  
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1. Accidental deaths, regardless of the means.
2. Suicides of various types.
3. Homicides, regardless of the weapon used.
4. Natural deaths, those unattended by a physician.

The main theme of this article is directed at those patients who have not been seen recently by a physician when a natural death occurs, and the attending physician feels that a prolonged time element exists between his last examination and the death of that patient. The physician should contact the Coroner's Office, and discuss with me the indicative or the contra-indicative as to the attending physician signing the death certificate. If this conversation justifies the Coroner's Office handling the death, we will be happy to do so. If, however, I feel that it is the attending physician's responsibility, I will inform him of same. Do not hesitate to contact us at any time as to the responsibility of the death certificate's signature. That is my primary responsibility to you, the practicing physician.

The general gripe that is heard in the community is that the attending physician is negligent in his promptness in getting the certificate signed. If certificates were completed and signed promptly, criticism would be minimal or nil by the family of the deceased, and by the funeral directors. Setting aside the certificate, thereby perhaps forgetting it for several days, is so unnecessary, but it is habitual among all of us, including myself.

If, after having read this article, and if you have any doubts in the future, feel free to call upon me at my office telephone number 746-7000, or 744-4588. If you are unable to reach me at the above numbers, Medical-Dental will be of assistance to you in reaching me.

—Nathan D. Belinky, M.D.

Mahoning County Coroner

## IMPORTANT BUSINESS AT MARCH MEETING

Legal business dominated the agenda of the March 18th meeting of the Mahoning County Medical Society. One lawsuit was terminated by unanimous consent, and the determination, previously expressed, to take a strong stand in the second lawsuit was backed unanimously by the approval of a \$150 assessment to be levied at the appropriate time.

The motion concerning the assessment was passed as follows: "Resolved that the membership of the Mahoning County Medical Society authorize a mandatory assessment of \$150 for each active member, at such time as the available defense money is depleted to \$5000, for the purpose of meeting expenses including attorney fees, of defense of the actions brought by the Attorney General of Ohio against the Society and others and now pending in the Federal District Court for the Northern District of Ohio, Eastern division; further resolved, that the fund thereby created be invested at interest and expended as needed, and that any amount not required for such purposes be refunded upon conclusion of the litigation to the contributors pro rata."

A third motion, passed unanimously, was that associate members be invited to take part voluntarily in the assessment.

Dr. Brucoli, president, presided at the meeting, which was also attended by a number of wives of members. Dr. Tandatnick provided entertainment by projecting the excellent AMA film, "The Critical Difference," a copy of which is owned by the Mahoning County Medical Society.

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## 14th SCHOLARSHIP DINNER THIS MONTH

The 14th annual Scholarship Dinner of the Mahoning County Medical Society will be held on Thursday, April 17 at Ramada Inn. Fifty students from 25 area high schools will be honored for scholastic achievement, and will receive pins and certificates enrolling them in the Mahoning County Medical Society Roster of Scholars. Their names are listed on the opposite page.

The speaker will be dynamic, nationally-known Richard R. Madden, Prior of the Carmelite Fathers in Youngstown. Father Madden has established an enviable reputation as a speaker and a writer. He is a graduate of Mount Carmel College, and received his Master's degree at Catholic University, Washington, D.C. He was editor of Spiritual Life Magazine, and has written a weekly syndicated column, "Sermonette," for five years, and a weekly column for Hi Time Magazine for 18 years. He has been moderator for the program, "Watch Your Step" on WHOT and for a weekly interview show on WBBW. He is the author of three books, and has received the "Don Bosco Award" for nationwide influence on American youth. All this he has accomplished while taking an active part in many area projects and organizations.

Chairman and master of ceremonies for the dinner is Dr. Thomas N. Detesco. A number of physicians and wives will act as hosts for the guests. Dr. and Mrs. Brucoli will present the pin award and Rev. Madden will hand out the certificates.

## CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION

Four Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Advanced Life Support courses are still available in 1980 on the following dates: May 10-11, July 26-27, Sept. 27-28 and Nov. 29-30. These are sponsored by the American Heart Association and Youngstown Hospital Association, under the directorship of Drs. R. Albarran, J. Fulks and C. Perni. Two of the six course program series have already been given; one in January and one in March.

All courses offered are: Basic Rescuer (6 hours credit category 1), Basic Instructor (12 hours credit category 1) and Advanced Life Support (16 hours credit category 1). Basic Rescuer is offered every 4 weeks; Basic Instructor, every 6 weeks; and Advanced Life Support every 8 weeks on the schedule noted above.

Basic Rescuer is offered on Saturday 1-7 p.m. Basic Instructor on Monday and Friday 4-8 p.m. and Saturday 8-12 p.m. Advanced Life Support is a Saturday and Sunday course 7:30 - 5 p.m. Basic Rescuer and Instructor courses are held at North Side Hospital. Advanced Life Support is at South Side Hospital.

There is no fee for doctors in training, nurses and medical students. For practicing physicians, the Basic Rescuer course is \$50, the Basic Instructor course is \$75 and the Advanced Life Support is \$125.

The Advanced Life Support program lecture topics are: Introduction to Advanced Life Support, Adjuncts for Airway and Ventilation, Adjuncts for Artificial Circulation, Monitoring and Dysrhythmia Recognition; Defibrillation and Synchronized Cardioversion; Intravenous Techniques; Essential Drugs in Emergency Cardiac Care; Useful Drugs; Acid-Base Balance; and Stabilization and Transportation.

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Y. Jung

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A. C. Nalluri

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During the past 15 years, treatment of cancer in children has made significant progress. Most of the progress has been possible through new protocols developed at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. In 1980 one could safely predict that a child with acute leukemia had a better than 40% chance of living five years after chemotherapy is stopped and most of these children are considered cures. Similar results have been obtained in children with other forms of cancer such as osteogenic sarcoma, rhabdomyosarcomas, Wilms tumor, Hodgkin's and non-Hodgkin's lymphoma and neuroblastoma. In a period of 8-10 years, survival figures in the remaining unfortunate patients can be definitely improved through recruitment of new patients and trial with new drugs.

St. Jude Children's Hospital is a non-sectarian, non-profit research center founded by Danny Thomas in 1962. The hospital is funded by public donation and through government grants. The hospital provides *absolutely free medical care* and only *third-party payments* are accepted.

During the past 17 years of its existence, approximately 50-70 children from Northeastern Ohio and Western Pennsylvania have gone to Memphis for treatment of catastrophic diseases like leukemia. Traveling to Memphis every time for treatment is not an easy task. It costs money, wastes a lot of time, and most important, puts a lot of strain on families who have other children to be taken care of during their trip to St. Jude Hospital in Memphis. To overcome some of these problems, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital has opened clinics outside Memphis. Before a clinic is opened outside Memphis, consideration of paramount importance is that such hospitals are able to provide the same kind of care as received at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis. Two such clinics have been in existence for a couple of years and have been performing a tremendous job. St. Elizabeth Hospital Medical Center was chosen for the location of the third clinic.

Sudershan K. Garg, M.D., F.A.C.P., who is Director of the St. Jude Clinic and also Director of the Division of Hematology/Medical Oncology at St. Elizabeth Hospital Medical Center, and the other members of the St. Jude Clinic staff are pleased to announce that St. Elizabeth Hospital has the opportunity to provide services to our area population in Northeastern Ohio and Western Pennsylvania.

It is important to note that taking care of children with catastrophic diseases is an art of medicine, and before a patient can be accepted into this clinic, *such a child should not have received any prior chemo or radiation therapy.*

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## \$30,000,000 LAWSUIT SETTLED

The 1976 lawsuit filed by The Northeastern Ohio Health Care Foundation against the Mahoning County Medical Society has been settled and dismissed. The action had sought injunctive relief and \$30,000,000 damages against The Medical Society, several of its members, and the three major Youngstown hospitals for alleged anti-trust violations. The Medical Society contributed \$1,666.66, on behalf of itself and the individual physician-defendants, toward the total settlement cost of \$6,000, with the remaining amount contributed by the hospitals. A companion action seeking injunctive relief and attorney fees against the same defendants by the Attorney General of Ohio is still pending.

## ANNUAL AMA SPEAKERS CONTEST

The AMA Speakers Bureau is setting-up the third national competition for physicians-speakers who represent their medical society in various speaking categories. This is the program in which Dr. Jack Schreiber has won awards during the past two years.

Eligibility is open to any physician-speaker selected by his or her medical society as an audio or video cassette tape entry for one of the audience categories. Categories include:

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Creativity and effectiveness of message content as well as delivery style will be evaluated as a basis for selecting winners. Tapes must be mailed postmarked no later than Nov. 15, 1980 and will be returned shortly after the judging in January, 1981.

For consultation or seminar information contact: Mort Enright, M.A.T., Director, AMA Speakers and Leadership Programs, Office of Medical Society Relations, 535 North Dearborn St., Chicago, Ill. 60610. Phone (312) 751-6452. Application blanks are available at the office of the Mahoning County Medical Society.

## MEDICAL MOVIE AVAILABLE TO GROUPS

The motion picture, "The Critical Difference," was reviewed at the March 18th Medical Society meeting, and has been made available for members to show to community groups seeking programs.

The AMA film goes into some depth to show the story of medicine today "the way it is." It explains medical break-throughs and subsequent mounting costs in a manner easily understood by the layman. It explores the past, present and future of medicine in America in an absorbing manner. Any physician taking the film to a group would find it well received and he would find that the questions it raises could be easily answered.

To book the film, call the Medical Society office, 747-4956. Unfortunately the Society does not own a projector, so separate arrangements must be made for both a projector and a screen. Running time for the film is approximately 28 minutes.

## NEWS NOTES

Dr. Pan-Hsiung Huang, member of the staff at St. Elizabeth Hospital Medical Center, has been named a Diplomate of the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

Dr. Marshall E. Lowry, anesthesiologist on the staff at Youngstown Osteopathic Hospital has been elected chief of the medical staff at that hospital. Dr. John Popovec was elected treasurer.

## NO MAY ISSUE

The next issue of the *Bulletin* will be published in June. There will be no May issue. The *Bulletin* publishes nine months a year, omitting the months of May, July and August.



## NEW PICO COVERAGE OFFERED

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## OSMA ANNUAL MEETING IN MAY

The 1980 OSMA annual meeting will be held in Cincinnati, May 10-14. The Stouffer's Cincinnati Towers, at 141 West Sixth St. will be the OSMA Headquarters. The Terrace Hilton, 15 West Sixth St. will be the Headquarters for the Woman's Auxiliary.

The complete program for the meeting is published in the March issue of the Ohio State Medical Journal. The Saturday, May 10th meetings are of limited interest to most members. Official registration will take place on Sunday, May 11 and the House of Delegates will meet Sunday night. Resolutions Committees will meet on Monday morning and anyone is allowed to attend and to speak his piece. To many, these are the most interesting meetings of the annual conclave, and the Mahoning delegation urges all of our members to stop in at one of the committee rooms to see what goes on in the business portion of the Association. There are three resolution committees this year.

The annual meeting comes to a close with the final meeting of the House of Delegates, which begins at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday and goes on into the night until the final business is accomplished. Thursday will be "travel-home" day for most delegates.

## NEXT MCMS MEETING IS MAY 20

No meeting of the Mahoning County Medical Society is scheduled for April. The May Meeting will be held on the 20th, the week following the OSMA meeting. Reports from the Mahoning County delegation will be heard. Dr. C. E. Pichette is chief delegate this year. Dr. J. James Anderson is chairman of the Sixth District delegation.

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## PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL

### March 11, 1980

The regular meeting of the council of the Mahoning County Medical Society was held on Tuesday, March 11, 1980, at the Youngstown Club.

The treasurer reported that 15 physicians have now sponsored 24 residents as members of OSMA.

The treasurer reported that 31 members have not yet paid their 1980 dues and that they will receive letters asking them to pay by March 31st.

A letter was read from the Children Services Board in reply to our letter. They are interested in having a physician representative on both their Board and their Citizens Advisory Committee. Dr. Brucoli will submit a name for consideration.

Dr. Anderson reported on the progress of the lawsuit. The \$30,000,000 suit of the Northeastern Ohio Health Care Foundation has been settled by consent of the defendants. The Medical Society portion is \$1,666.66. Actual payment of this settlement will be deferred until the Society can meet and discuss it on March 18.

Dr. Detesco, chairman, reported on the progress of the Scholarship Dinner. He requested four more couples to act as hosts. There were two volunteers from council in response to his request.

Discussion ensued concerning the matters of medical ethics and the federation concept as brought to council last month by Dr. Schreiber. The motion was made, seconded and duly passed that no changes be made in the AMA medical ethics.

Correspondence was read from Gluck Insurance Agency noting a problem in that some D.O.s wishing to join the Mahoning County Medical Society in order to belong to PICO do not know our members and cannot get the proper signatures on their application. Council wished that no exceptions be made and that any applicant be required to have his application properly signed.

Dr. Chiu, chairman, reported that the committee to search for a new executive secretary had had its first meeting and that a job description had been drawn up and approved. He asked the committee to meet briefly after council meeting.

A matter of a member questioning the disposal of charitable funds by the Woman's Auxiliary was referred to the Board of Censors.

Following discussion, the motion was made, seconded and duly passed that the chief delegate write a resolution for the Ohio State Medical Association annual meeting asking that Medicaid pay the Medicare adjusted rate fees. It was noted that March 12th was the last day to submit resolutions and that the submission of this resolution might be impossible due to that deadline.

Dr. Brucoli made a number of announcements. He noted the March 18th meeting and asked for council attendance. He announced the Auxiliary dance would be Thursday, March 13. He announced that delegates should have made their room reservations at Cincinnati and that the Sixth District caucus meeting would be Wednesday, April 23 at Congress Lake. He announced that the City Health Dept. is taking part in a Senior Citizens' Day with a health booth and would like suggestions from our Geriatric Committee.

The motion was made, seconded and duly passed that Council send a letter to Mrs. Bleacher, president of the Auxiliary, commending the Auxiliary for raising money through their doll house project and commending them for the impartial manner in which the funds were dispensed.

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# From the Bulletin

## FORTY YEARS AGO — APRIL 1940

Many changes were in the making in Mahoning County. Judge Woodside was urging new facilities for local care of mental illness and advocated the changeover of the municipal contagious hospital to a mental hospital. Our committee met with him and promised its support. Ivan Smith's committee was studying plans for voluntary health insurance as an alternative to compulsory government insurance plans. Joe Hall's committee on Indigent Relief was negotiating with Mr. Feuer to provide compensation on Indicare of indigent patients in the hospitals. Gordon Nelson's Public Health Committee was working with the County Commissioners to organize a medical staff for the County Tuberculosis Sanitarium. Walter Tims reported on the progress of the Social Hygiene Campaign conducted jointly by our Society and the Junior Chamber of Commerce to stamp out venereal disease. It was a busy time.

New members that month were Donald A. Gross and John Evans Allgood. Candidates for Coroner were David Houser (the incumbent), Dr. A. Rosapepe and Dr. William E. Maine.

## THIRTY YEARS AGO — APRIL 1980

The scientific program that month was presented by residents from our hospitals. Frank Inui gave a paper on "The Closure of Broncho-Pulmonary Fistulae" based on experimental work in which he was aided by Paul Dobson, resident in anesthesia at Youngstown Hospital. Frank was then resident in thoracic surgery at the Mahoning Tuberculosis Sanitarium. Joseph Rogers and Robert Thomas reported on a new anti-coagulant. Edward Massulo spoke on "Lumbar Sympathectomy" and Hugh Munson discussed "Total Hysterectomy Versus Subtotal Hysterectomy."

## TWENTY YEARS AGO — APRIL 1980

Selections from President Schlecht's page:

"People do not expect us to be perfect and there is no need for us to wear a false cloak of infallibility. Patients do not become displeased with us because of scientific inadequacies or lack of acumen. Rather, they become angry and, unfortunately, litigious, because of rejection, real or fancied slights, or lack of consideration.

"Perhaps, the most serious complication of modern medicine is the loss of understanding of the patient as an individual. In our preoccupation with scientific medicine, the patient tends to be fragmented and depersonalized.

"It is clearly our duty to look after the interest of the patient. Lives are still more than case histories and people more than subjects. Medical care is similar to religion in that it must be personal."

S. F. Gaylord with two residents from St. Elizabeth's Hospital put on a concert at the Butler Art Institute. Elias Saadi, a resident in medicine, presented W. L. Mermis's paper on "Contact Dermatitis" at the Conference on Allergy at Nassau when Bill was unable to be there.

James Smeltzer suffered a fractured ankle tobogganing at Oglebay Park. George Cook tore a cartilage skiing in Canada. Robert Kiskaddon addressed the Northeast Ohio Psychologic Association on "Allergies, and the Psychosomatic Approach to Them." Elsa Shapira addressed the Association on "The Clinic Team, and Ideal Approach." Steve Ondash was elected President of the Ohio Surgical Association.

New members were: Leonard Blum, our first full time Health Commissioner and Annelies Ruth Dziadzka.

## TEN YEARS AGO — APRIL 1980

President Dr. Robert Jenkins had an interesting article on the care of the dying. He stated, "To help the dying we must come to grips with our own feelings about death", and he urged the use of the community services, the clergy, social services, etc. He stressed the need to assure the patient that he will be kept comfortable in his final hours. At that time the word "Hospice" was still unfamiliar to most of us.

Two well-loved physicians passed on at that time. Dr. Francis W. McNamara was the first intern at St. Elizabeth Hospital and went on to become director of surgery and President of the Staff. The other was Dr. Joe Hail, a well known and loved family physician who practiced in Youngstown for thirty-seven years. Many of his patients didn't think they could survive without him.

New active member that month was Dean J. Limbert. Associate members were R. A. Bacani, Charles A. Crans, and Earnest Perry.

## COMMITTEE CHAIRMENSHIP CORRECTIONS

Two typographical errors have been discovered in the listing of Medical Society committees in the February issue of the *Bulletin*. Dr. T. N. Detesco, who was appointed Public Relations Director, should have been listed as chairman of the Public Relations Committee, replacing Dr. Klebanoff, last year's PR director. Instead, he was inadvertently listed as chairman of the Public Health Committee. Actually the chairman of the Public Health Committee continues to be Dr. Goldberg, who is a member of the Youngstown Board of Health.

No chairman was listed for the Social and Program Committee in the February issue. Since that time, Dr. P. J. Mahar, Jr., has accepted the chairmanship of that committee.

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